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HAKEEM NAMED TO TENNESSEE BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE

Nashville - Governor Phil Bredesen announced today he has appointed Yusuf A. Hakeem to the state's Board of Probation and Parole.

"I believe that Yusuf Hakeem's participation on the Board of Probation and Parole will certainly have a positive impact on its efforts and achievements," said Bredesen. "Yusuf is a proven leader, having served four terms on the Chattanooga City Council and 10 years on the Chattanooga Board of Education. We are fortunate to have someone with his expertise, leadership and dedication to community service serving on the Tennessee Board of Probation and Parole."

The Board of Probation and Parole is made up of seven members appointed by the Governor and is responsible for providing for the supervision of probationers and parolees. Decisions to issue warrants or revoke or reinstate the community supervision status of parolees are made by the board.

Hakeem is a graduate of Howard High School and Chattanooga State Technical Community College. He is currently earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He is serving his fifth term on the City Council of Chattanooga as a representative of Chattanooga's district 9, which consists of seven precincts. He was elected chairman of the council in 1996, 2000, and 2001.

"I consider Governor Bredesen a man of integrity and great understanding," Hakeem said, "I'm honored and humbled to be appointed to this position by such a man."

Prior to his work on the council, Hakeem worked for General Electric. He also helped to found the Islamic Center of Chattanooga. He served on the Chattanooga Board of Education for 10 years. He and his wife have been married for 40 years and have four children.

Hakeem has stepped down from his position on the Chattanooga City Council and will begin serving on the Board of Probation and Parole effective immediately. His term will expire December 31, 2011. Hakeem replaces exiting member Bill A. Dalton.

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